

§ 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Amendments

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 10, and ending on line 12, with the following paragraph:

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Figure 2 shows the regions of similarity between the amino acid sequences of the connective tissue growth factor-3 protein (SEQ ID NO:2) and connective tissue growth factor-1 (SEQ ID NO:3).

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 6, and ending on line 11, with the following paragraph:

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The determined nucleotide sequence of the connective tissue growth factor-3 cDNA of SEQ ID NO:1 contains an open reading frame encoding a protein of 250 amino acid residues, a predicted leader sequence of about 19 amino acid residues, and a deduced molecular weight of about 26 kDa. The connective tissue growth factor-3 protein shown in SEQ ID NO:2 is